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Rugby faces suspension

BY TARA DIXON

Senior News Writer

The men's rugby team has been suspended following a hazing incident at a party earlier in the semester.

At a party following a game in mid-September, campus police responded to a routine neighborhood disturbance report.

"From our perspective, it was a typical neighborhood complaint of a loud noise, loud party situation," said Campus Police Chief Michael Couch.

"As a result of getting some information and documentation, we turned the situation over to Dr. [Luther] Smith [Assistant Vice-President of Student Life], and that's how the situation proceeded," he said.

Some new team members reported that they felt they were being pressured to drink at the party, which led to the incident being termed hazing.

"We had a drinking game and invited the freshmen to participate as a social thing. Two of the freshmen were reported to campus police when they went back to campus," said senior Nick Cherry, rugby club president.

The team admitted to allowing underage drinking at the party, but insist there was no pressure on anyone to drink.

"At first the house was blamed for having underage drinking, which we took responsibility for and paid a fine," Cherry said.

According to Smith, hazing is an illegal practice.

"The party where the events took place was at 991 Dana. I handled the issues concerning hazing and underage consumption. Some of the students who hosted the party were underage themselves," Smith said.

"I take responsibility for terming the incident a hazing incident. Hazing is any time an expectation is placed on someone, or the performance of some kind of behavior, maybe not against their will, but against their better judgment," Smith said.

Hazing can be a matter of perception, according to Smith. If someone thinks their acceptance or membership in an organization is



NEWSWIRE PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RUGBY TEAM

The Rugby Team has been accused of hazing new players.

affected by their participation in an event, it can be hazing.

There were specific individuals who admitted to being influenced by hazing behavior, and one or more students became ill.

Smith sent the case to the club sports council for review.

"I chose to have the Club Sports Council hear this case because I thought it sends a stronger message coming from peers rather than administration," Smith said.

The Club Sports Council dealt with the hazing incident.

"We were trying to self-discipline so the team could go on."

— senior Nick Cherry

"It is a university violation, and a lot of things that happen with club sports are referred to the university code of conduct," said Matt Turner, assistant director of recreational sports.

The team felt the hearing was unfair. They believe anyone who may have been affiliated with them in any way was not allowed at the hearing.

"The women's rugby team, even though we aren't affiliated with them in any way — we don't share a budget or constitution or anything — wasn't allowed there. The men's volleyball representative, the Vice-President of the Club Sports council, wasn't allowed

there because we know him socially. Anyone they thought was connected to us was kicked out of the meeting," Cherry claimed.

According to Cherry, the club sports council has no structured format for discipline, which may lead to unfair treatment based on assumptions and outside factors.

"In the past Xavier rugby was suspended from campus. That was in 1998, so no one who is currently at this university was at the university when that occurred. We feel we're constantly being punished for the sins of the past," Cherry said.

According to Turner, there hasn't been too much structure in past Club Sports Council hearings, though they are trying to initiate the university judicial review method into club sports.

Violations by club sports teams that aren't specifically laid out in the club sports handbook, such as the rugby team's incident, are brought to Turner.

"Any other infraction that occurs is brought to my attention. From there a charge letter is drafted and a hearing is conducted with the Club Sports Council. The Club Sports Council makes a recommendation as far as the result of the hearing, and any sanctions are recommended to the director of club sports," Turner said.

Team members claim they weren't informed of the format of the hearing, and only two of their three witnesses were allowed to speak. In addition, they claim hazing issues weren't addressed at the initial hearing.

"We feel like because we're the rugby team and people have an image of rugby, that the decision was handed down before we could state our case. People have this image of fighting beer drinkers. Our words went in one ear and out the other," he said.

"We felt they already made their decision and that the hearing was just a formality to keep us complacent," said senior Eddie Clark, a team member.

"We felt we were convicted. They froze our funds and canceled games before the hearing, which makes us feel that they had already made their decision.

"While an appeal was still looming, our entire season was suspended. With any other governing body you're not guilty during the appeal process," Clark said.

Cherry felt that the team had successfully stated their case at the hearing.

"We felt like we proved there was no hazing. In addition to answering questions, we felt we proved no one was pressured into drinking," Cherry said.

"The only thing we're guilty of is underage drinking. We offered to have team AA meetings and team community service. We were going to use this case to help the campus. If people saw the rugby team promoting responsible drinking it would send a strong message.

"We were trying to self-discipline so the team could go on," he said.

Following the hearing, the team's season was suspended. They unsuccessfully appealed the decision, and official sanctions are expected to be confirmed soon.

According to Smith, team sanctions will address the drinking issues. At press time, not all parties had been informed of the official sanctions.

"I would emphasize that this type of behavior at any level, whether it's perceived power or real power, to be part of an organization is hazing and is illegal," Smith said.

"The reasoning or goal [of any sanctions] would be to deter such behavior by any clubs, sports, or Xavier students on any level. Such behavior is not appropriate at Xavier University," Turner said.

Hip-hop artist comes to campus

BY CHAVON MITCHELL

Op-Ed Editor

Xavier University's Student Activities Council (SAC) will hold its first hip-hop concert in five years at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29 in the Cintas Center. The concert, with a budget of over \$40,000, is almost entirely run by the students on the board.

The featured performer, Talib Kweli, a socially-conscious rapper, has a large underground following in the Cincinnati area. The opening act for the concert will be Provoc, another rapper.

One of the primary reasons for bringing Kweli to campus was because it had been so long since a hip-hop concert was sponsored by the University, according to Collin Brum, a junior marketing major and chair of the Special Events Committee for SAC.

Brum said Kweli's focus on social justice with his music fits in well with the mission of Xavier.

The idea to bring Kweli to campus was the duty of the committee on SAC that is in charge of large scale events such as concerts. The same committee decided last year to bring O.A.R. — an event that was a success among students. Over 1,200 tickets were sold to Xavier students for the O.A.R. concert last year. Over 3,000 tickets were sold in all. Collin Brum, a junior marketing major and chair of the Special Events Committee this year, was the main proponent of being Kweli to Xavier's campus.

"I would really encourage people to come because it's moving the university in a different direction and opening us up to a different genre of music," said Brum. "Talib Kweli already has a nice underground following but he's getting a lot of mainstream attention recently."

So far, over 400 tickets have been sold to Xavier students.

While other rap or hip-hop performers had been pursued in previous years by SAC, roadblocks or stumbles often prevented the idea from ever coming into fruition. Choice of talent, committee changes and budget allocation were many of the reasons that a concert hadn't happened sooner.

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ER/S Speaker

The next lecture in the "Ethics and U.S. Foreign Policy" will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Schiff Family Conference Center. This lecture features Max Boot and is entitled "Neocons vs. Realpolitikers: Morality and American Foreign Policy." For more information, contact Sarah Melcher at 745-2043 or at Melcher@xavier.edu.

Somethin' Special

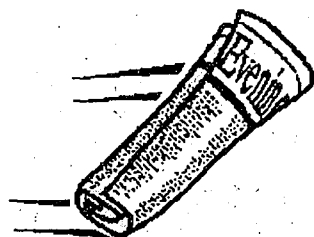
Tickets to Xavier Players' performances of *The Music Man* are now available at the Xavier Players Box Office. Shows will take place Thursday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m., as well as 2 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. To learn more about ticket sales or performances, call the box office at 745-3939.

Physics Lecture

Procter & Gamble technologist and Xavier graduate Dr. John Curro ('76) will speak as part of the Physics in Careers lecture series at 1:30 p.m. Friday in room 103 of Lindner Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the talk.

Check your email...

McDonald Library is changing its communication system. From now on, email notices will be sent instead of paper notices. Through the emails, students will know within the day when document delivery materials, OhioLINK items and Xavier items placed on the hold shelf are available for pickup. Email notices will also be sent for overdue items or fines. All notices will go to MyXU (campus portal) email addresses. For more information, contact Alison Morgan at 745-3931.



Students, Campus Police join forces to minimize assault rate

TARA DIXON

Senior News Editor

Student safety issues are still at the forefront of conversation following the recent incidents on Dana Avenue.

A group of non-students had been initiating incidents with Xavier students living on the 900 and 1000 blocks of Dana Avenue. The incidents turned violent, and both Campus Police and Cincinnati Police became involved. The students involved have since moved from Dana Avenue to other locations.

"The sentiment I have is that the students are getting back their senses about them. They're still on their toes, but they're not fearful," said Student Government Association president, senior Andy Gibson.

There have not been any assaults for four weeks, according to Campus Police Chief Michael Couch.

"Information suggested it was not gang-related. It was a situation between a group of teenagers and the students living at a particular residence," he said.

The Cincinnati Police Department has been very receptive in dealing with the situation.

"We believe we've identified one of the main teenagers involved. Throughout that process, and turning over to Cincinnati Police, we think we've made a strong effort to diffuse possible future incidents," Couch said.

Students were not able to positively identify the non-students, so no charges have been filed.

Couch, with university leaders, has met with the Community/Police Institute as well as local community leaders in Evanston and North Avondale.

According to Gibson, continued meetings are being held with administration, students, and community members to learn about how to deal with situations in the future.

"We think we've made a strong effort to diffuse possible future incidents."

— Michael Couch
Campus Police Chief

SGA Senator Stephen Bentley has been attending Safety Committee meetings with Gibson and Legislative Vice President Constance Fowler.

"I do believe these meetings offer insight for several people in the community and at Xavier to improve relations and fix problems that have taken place," he said.

At the Senate meeting on Monday, Bentley reported that the police officers spend one-third of their time on emergency calls, one-third on patrols, and one-third on administrative duties. The problem in the North Avondale area is that there are too many emergency calls.

"Rather than cut back patrols, we

need to figure out where the problem is coming from," Bentley said.

At the Monday Senate meeting, students were invited to voice their concerns about safety.

"A lot of first year students don't see this as an isolated incident. We need to let them know that it is an isolated incident, and that the campus police do care and are showing an increased presence," said Blake Johnson, a Buenger Hall RA.

Husman resident Chip Roig questioned whether Xavier did something to bother the Dana community that made them feel they needed to target Xavier students.

Commons resident Elizabeth Coyle only feels safe in her apartment.

"I think the main reason I don't feel safe on campus is that I feel I don't really know what's going on there," she said.

"In discussions I've had with the residents, the overwhelming sentiment has been that the incidents of violence and assaults were uninitiated on their part.

"That's not to say that their response to the incidents didn't propagate them further, but I've got the same message from students and people walking on Dana, that they were random acts of violence," Gibson said. Other students have voiced their thoughts on the matter.

"Norwood was here first, and these people have lived here a lot longer than we have and longer than some of our professors have been around," said BJ Gall, a resident of Cleane Avenue.

"You have to show people respect, and I don't think Xavier students necessarily do that in their drunken escapades," Gall said.

Concerns were raised for the timeliness of the shuttles, and possibly adding more shuttles.

Though the incidents on Dana Avenue have died down, students should not become complacent.

"A lot of first year students don't see this as an isolated incident."

— Blake Johnson
Sophomore

"There's definitely a heightened awareness in that area for the residents and hopefully for the landlords and students as well," Gibson said.

"Students should always use caution when on campus as well as when traveling off campus.

"Use shuttles and do not knowingly put themselves in a situation or a state of mind where their judgment isn't one hundred percent," he said.

Couch, along with Kelly Leon, director of external relations, will attend the Nov. 2 Senate meeting.

The meeting will be focused primarily on addressing student concerns and continuing to work toward safety.

Important Health Notice

Due to the contamination of as much as half of the United States' flu vaccine stores, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued formal recommendations regarding the use of remaining available influenza vaccinations during the 2004-05 season.

Based on the CDC recommendations, in order to protect the most vulnerable members of our campus community, the Health and Counseling Center will administer flu shots as follows:

1. Influenza vaccinations (flu shots) are currently available at the Health and Counseling Center on a limited basis, while supplies last.
2. Also, flu shots will be available for:
 - students with chronic illnesses such as lung or heart disease, or asthma
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3. Flu shots will also be available to faculty and staff
 - who are 65 or older *or* who are under 65 *and* meet the CDC guide lines (as above) *and*
 - are unable to obtain the vaccination from their primary care provider or elsewhere in the community.
4. Flu shots are available by scheduled appointments only. To schedule an appointment, call 745-3022. *Please do not call to schedule an appointment unless you meet the criteria for vaccination.*

Xavier's Health and Counseling Center asks your understanding and cooperation during this crisis.

Police Notes

Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m. — A student reported the theft of her purse from the Logan computer lab.

Oct. 14, 9:20 p.m. — A student was cited for trespassing in the residence halls and was arrested for several outstanding traffic warrants.

Oct. 15, 12:30 a.m. — Campus Police and Residence Life conducted a room search for drugs and drug paraphernalia in the Kuhlman Hall.

Oct. 15, 1 p.m. — A student in the Commons Apartments reported burnt paper and a damaged bulletin board in one of the 4th floor hallways.

Oct. 15, 8:10 p.m. — A student reported that his personalized license plates were bent while his car was parked in the R1 lot.

Oct. 15, 8:30 p.m. — Residence Life reported one of the windows on the 6th floor of Kuhlman Hall was damaged.

Oct. 16, 12:20 a.m. — Campus Police and Cincinnati Fire and Rescue transported an underage student to Good Samaritan Hospital for possible alcohol poisoning.

Oct. 16, 1:51 a.m. — Campus Police and Norwood Police investigated a report of four students being chased by an unknown non-student on Cleane Avenue when they were coming home from Soupie's.

Oct. 17, 2:45 a.m. — Campus Police and Residence Life conducted a room search for drugs and drug paraphernalia in the Brockman Hall.

Police Note of the Week

Oct. 16, 2:30 a.m. — A Miami University student visiting a student in Brockman Hall was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital for injuries sustained during an off-campus assault.

Online book swap to benefit students

MEGAN MATTHEWS
Contributing Writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) created a new interactive website based organization that allows students to buy/sell books, arrange rides, and sell other items to one another.

The Book Swap, which can be found at www.xuconnect.com and is accessible through MyXU, was created under the leadership of Senate Coordinator William Buckley. Buckley brought the Book Swap to completion and built on previous work by last year's Legislative Vice President J.J. Gibson.

SGA has been working on this project for a year and a half, and is happy to finally see it in effect.

The process was slowed because SGA had to work out a contract with Xavier's Bookstore.

The arrangement allows for the Book Swap to continue as long as the prices of the books are not posted online.

The Book Swap functions by giving students the opportunity to post all the available information about the book they wish to sell on the website.

When the prospective buyer of a book searches, he or she will be given the information to contact the seller and arrange the 'swap.'

Senator Buckley notes however that "it's not like E-Bay where books are listed with exact prices."

Instead, the transaction between buyer and seller is a person to person exchange where negotiation of price may also be possible.

The transaction between buyer and seller is a person-to-person exchange, where negotiation of price may also be possible.

The exact prices of the books for sale are kept separate from the website.

The Conensus organization will monitor materials posted and disallow prices posted on the site.

For instance, if a student wants to sell an Introduction to Psychology book, she should post all available information about the book and wait for inquiries about the price from someone wanting to purchase.

She can then agree upon a price and place to meet the buyer to ex-

change the book and money.

This makes the website helpful for finding certain books for sale nearby, rather than websites where a person can order a book and wait for it to arrive on the doorstep.

Along with the book swap, the website includes a Ride Board and MarketPlace for students' further convenience.

The Ride Board allows students to post their scheduled road trips for potential passengers who may need a ride for a weekend getaway or home for breaks.

The MarketPlace allows students to post miscellaneous objects for sale including stereos, furniture, and household items.

Unlike the Book Swap, prices may be posted on the MarketPlace section for prospective buyers to view.

These new features have the necessary elements for success, and students are encouraged to take full advantage of this new system.

Future additions will also be made, including, a Roommate Finder.

This work-in-progress aims to serve as an outlet of information for students in need of a roommate.

Sign up is free for students, and a minimum of personal information is required in order to register.

Ikenberry addresses U.S. foreign policy

LISA DEGENHART
Managing Editor

In the upcoming presidential election, international relations are playing an ever-increasing role in how people choose to vote.

This was reflected in G. John Ikenberry's E/RS lecture on Thursday entitled "American Power and World Order: Between Empire and a Community of Democracies."

Ikenberry is a professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton University.

He has authored many books, including *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint and the Rebuilding of Order After Major Wars*.

For this book he received the American Political Science Association's Schroeder-Jervis award for best book in international history and politics.

Approximately 100 people attended Ikenberry's lecture addressing the increasing importance of American policies on people around the world.

These policies are going to be effected by the November election.

"The world is watching the United States' election more than the United States itself," said Ikenberry.

"This is a global election in which only the United States can vote."

The significance of this change

in the way the world looks at the United States has caused Ikenberry to rethink the United States' role in international relations.

He claims there is a self-contradiction in the foreign policy the United States has adopted in recent years.

"There is a contradiction in being a leviathan while pulling back from the international community," said Ikenberry.

"This can not be a conservative leviathan, it must be a liberal leviathan."

He claims that international relations will improve if the U.S. works to strengthen multilateral institutions and operates within their parameters.

The lecture was followed with a question and answer period in which members of the audience questioned Ikenberry's theories and hopes for the future.

This lecture was a part of the Ethics/Religion and Society Program.

The purpose of this program is to encourage people to think ethically and/or religiously about the social issues effecting the world.

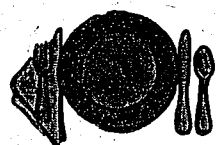
"Ethics and U.S. Foreign Policy" is the theme of this years series.

The next lecture will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Schiff Family Conference Center.

For more information, contact Sarah Melcher at 745-2043 or at Melcher@xavier.edu.



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Hip-hop artist

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"In the past, people were sort of thrown into the position and didn't have an idea of the type of dedication and thought that goes into planning a concert."

SAC Chair junior John Matthews said. "Last year's special events chair, Aaron Towns, really took the initiative and Collin (Bum) learned a lot about the process by working closely with him," Matthews added.

"Plus, it always helps when you're working with a larger budget. We just don't have the money that bigger state schools like University of Cincinnati and Ohio State have to work with."

This year's budget for the Special Events Committee is \$55,000, which is the largest it has ever been.

One of the reasons the budget was so large was because SAC committee chairs and President Andy Gibson chose to make holding a concert one of the primary goals for the organization.

"Many people don't realize the time and effort that goes into putting on an event of this caliber. My

committee members and SAC as a whole have been working very hard to make this show a success," Bum added.

"I have been very impressed with the amount of effort the students have put forth in the entire process of developing a concert," said Melissa McDonald, interim Assistant Director of Student Life.

"They have really shown me how professional and detail-oriented they can be."

"It's amazing how much time they put into this concert above and beyond the responsibilities they have as a student and all the other obligations they have."

Tickets for the show are only \$10 for Xavier students and can be purchased at Flix during regular business hours.

Flix is the student-run movie rental located in the Gallagher Student Center.

Tickets for the general public are still on sale through Ticketmaster outlets and online at www.ticketmaster.com. Each ticket costs \$20.

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☐ Motion to accept the American Student Government Association Resolutions (please see attachments)

☐ Motion to accept the Charter and By-Laws of the Student Nurses Organization



Senate meets Mondays at 3 pm in GSC 214

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ON THE CALENDAR

SGA meets Wednesday at 3 pm in GSC 214

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Talib Kweli

Chavon Mitchell,
SAC Enrichment Chair



Talib Kweli, a nationally renowned hip-hop artist and socially conscious rapper, is known for his articulate rhymes and inspirational lyrics. With a large fan base in the Cincinnati area due to his work producer Hi-Tek, Kweli is on his way into mainstream America's airwave. Some music critics have went so far as to call him "Hip-Hop's Hope."

Kweli has already been featured on the **Dave Chapelle Show** and the 2002 Sprite Liquid Mix Tour. His new hit single "I Try" features R&B diva Mary J. Blige and has been on rotation on both **MTV** and **BET**. "The Beautiful Struggle" debuted at #14 on the Billboard charts last week and sold over 60,000 records in its first week. Also featured on the album are heavy-hitters like **Faith Evans**, Anthony Hamilton and **Common**. Kweli has performed with the likes of **Jay-Z**, the Nappy Roots, Erykah Badu and MosDef. He gained critical acclaim when he and childhood friend MosDef formed the group BlackStar and released the self-titled album. Talib Kweli takes pains to promote **social justice**, **self-love** and a **challenge of the status quo** in his lyrics.

Talib Kweli is a **fist-pumping, head-bobbing performer** who demands attention as soon as he grabs the microphone. Don't miss what is sure to be one of the **hottest concerts** of the year! If you miss him today, you'll be kicking yourself tomorrow when he quickly ascends to one of the forefront of rap music's elite MC's.

Talib Kweli
October 29th

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The book swap is up! Check us out:

www.XUConnect.com

SENATE PROJECTS

Every Senator is required to complete a special project each semester. What follow are the completed projects of several Senators. All Senators may be reached via the Senate office phone for further information on their projects. If you have any projects that you would like to see Senate act on, let us know via phone, email or by attending one of our meetings.

Andy Clark has organized a self-defense class to be taught by Kung Fu master Kenneth Ware. Classes begin next Wednesday October 27th for women and next Friday October 29th for men.

Paul Coloma was able to get a Powerade fountain placed in the James E. Hoff Student Dining Center (aka the café). Powerade will be served as of Thursday, October 21st.

Crystal Fry was able to get a grill placed outside the Commons for the use of the residents.

SGA Profile



Paul Coloma

Junior
Senate
Association Affairs

Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday
8:30-9:45

Hometown: Cuenca, Ecuador

High School: Rafael Borja

Major: International Business, Finance

Other Clubs/Interests: RA Buenger 3North, International Students Society

Favorites...

Class at Xavier: Latin American History

Meal at the Cafeteria:

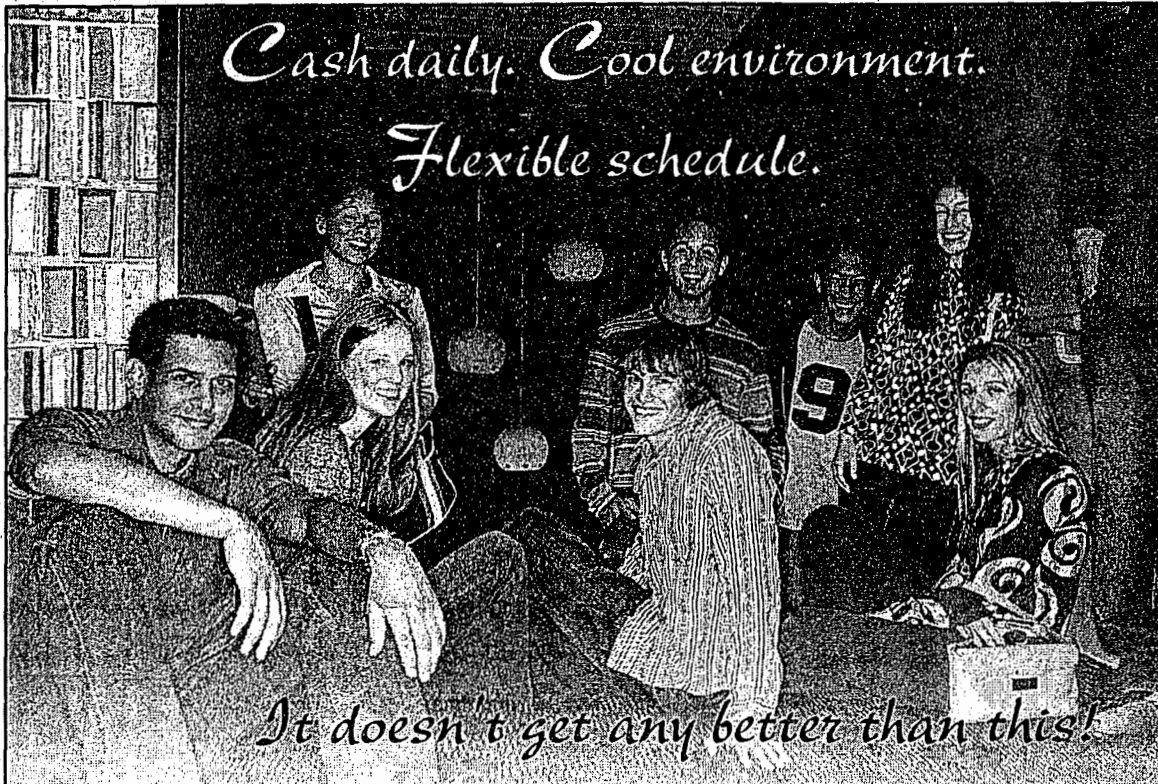
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Movie: Life is Beautiful

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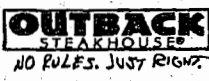
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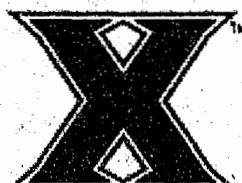


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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Gym etiquette II: The Reckoning

Perhaps you haven't noticed, but it seems that we have a sphere of chaos located on campus that is not "Shanty Town." Just a few yards past Victory Parkway, there's a wasteland known to some as the O'Connor Sports Center.

If your memory serves you, you'll remember that last year around this time, a similar staff editorial was written regarding the Sports Center, politely stating guidelines and giving workout advice. That was my article last year, and I'm through

your feet broken! If I see someone wearing sandals, which is rare, but not unheard of, I may throw 2.5 lb. weights, like Frisbees, at their feet.

Core exercises before biceps: Bicep curls are fine; it's just that you should do some exercises before them. My head might explode if I see one more dude half-run into the weight room, stand three feet in front of the mirrors, do a "running man" with dumbbells, and leave.

Treadmills are for running, not walking: This rule does not apply

if you are incapable of a jog, however, you can't walk on the treadmill for an hour and pretend to be tired.

Put your damn weights away! Of course I'm impressed by your five repetitions of 185, but that doesn't mean I want to see it

three hours after you leave.

Put your weights back in the right place! Awesome, you just followed rule 6, but then you put a 45 lb. weight where the 5 lb. ones go! Ah! That means other lesser-intelligent lifters will throw the whole thing out of whack by replacing weights on the rack that will disallow plates to be removed easily.

Hopefully, the good people at O'Connor (who dutifully try to undo our misdoings) will clip out these rules, blow them up and post them.

Otherwise, it's up to you to change your ways by making a decent workout, leaving the hat and sandals at home, and putting your weights back on the rack.

"What I see instead of people getting their sweat on is a gym debacle not easily remedied by a soothing article about lifting hints."

The rules are as following:

Take off that stupid hat! Yes, we know that you're a huge fan of the 1950s Atlanta Braves, the Cincinnati Bengals, and Ohio State Buckeyes, but those backwards caps are not cool and probably smell like trash unless you were violating rule four or five.

Do not wear anything other than athletic clothes: Don't wear khakis, cargos, or jeans (God forbid), no matter how old and ratty they are. If you're thinking of wearing any of these things along with a belt... don't.

Do not wear sandals and get

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Cartoon Corner

Drawn by Damien Streck



Racially insensitive police comments

On Oct. 4 I walked out of a meeting thinking that some comments made during that meeting may have been a bit derogatory. On Oct. 11, exactly one week later, I walked out of a second meeting knowing that the comments made were derogatory, and shall not be tolerated by myself, or anyone else who desires to take a stance for what they firmly believe in.

The meetings that I am making reference to were held to make substantial security plans for the Talib Kweli concert that will be held at Xavier University on Oct. 29, and the derogatory comments that I am referring to were stated by Xavier Police Chief Michael Couch and aimed at the African-Americans that will potentially be present in the venue, as well as the African-American population in general.

At the first meeting, the preferred phrase of Chief Couch to refer to those who would be attending the concert was, "this type of crowd". As directly stated by Chief Couch, "This type of crowd smokes a lot of marijuana, and will more than likely drink before coming to the concert, which means they will probably try to sneak these things in the venue." Now, I ask you what type of crowd Chief Couch was referring to, and I answer with a comment made at the second meeting.

Without any specific prompt that I can recollect, Chief Couch said that it may be necessary to consider metal detectors for an event like this to which I replied with one simple question. Did O.A.R. have metal detectors? After replying with an answer of no, Chief Couch informed me that it is necessary to use different methods depending on the type of crowd you are dealing with.

I then responded that if metal detectors were used at this concert, they should be made the standard for every concert thereafter. His response was shocking, and quite unexpected for me. He said, "Well, tell me this. Why is it that BSA (Black Students Association) uses metal detectors at their events?"

Aside from the fact that Student

Activities Council and Black Students Association are separate entities, I find it imperative to make note of the fact that he did not so much as flinch when the words so casually spewed from his lips.

In addition to these already racially insensitive comments Chief Couch also made it a point to ask me to play the songs on the CD that may ensue anger from the crowd when I tried to let him hear a run through of Talib Kweli's latest work at the first meeting. I guess all hip-hop lyrics are a cause for anger and violence according to Chief Couch.

That must be the reason that the security costs for this performance are a mere \$390 less than that of O.A.R.'s cost last year even though the projected amount of people to attend this concert is less than half of those who attended O.A.R.

We were told that if we decided to sell beer at the venue, our security costs would increase, which strikes me as odd because beer was served at O.A.R.

Not only am I offended and hurt by the ignorant and insensitive comments of our Chief of Police here at Xavier University, I am also disappointed. I am disappointed in the ten other white men who sat in that meeting on that fateful day and said nothing about his comments, with the exception of one brave soul.

I am disappointed that this type of behavior is acceptable at this university among those who are supposed to be leaders on our campus. I am tired of these types of assumptions and stereotypes being the standard of acceptability.

I did not write this editorial to demean nor persecute anyone, but rather to challenge everyone whose eyes may grace this article. I challenge you to set a new standard, a better standard. A standard that will be the precedent for the future.

—Ebony S. Davis
Class of '05

DOC TALK

Dear Doc,

Can you go to jail in Ohio for taking someone's prescription medication? What if they give you permission to take it?

Signed,
Jail Bird

Dear Jail Bird,

Prescription medications are to be used only by the individual it was prescribed for. However, people do use other people's prescriptions. Spouses are sometimes the worst offenders. This is not a good practice since you never know how a particular individual may respond to a drug with side effects and allergic reactions and other drug interactions.

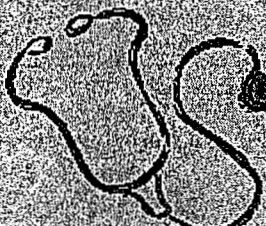
Dear Doc,

My roommate, Oscar, seems to have bad body odor, but doesn't seem to notice it. The room gets a lingering smell. What should I do?

Signed,
Felix

Dear Felix,

First make sure you're not the one with the problem. Assuming it's Oscar, it could be that he isn't showering enough or washing his clothes enough. You'll have to be a friend and bring it to his attention. I'd ask your friend to check his shoes too. If he's using deodorant and still has an odor, see a doctor for options.



Questions answered by James P. Konerman M.D. XU Graduate and Medical Director at Health & Counseling Center. Questions may be submitted via email to Newswire or dropped in Doc Talk box at Health & Counseling Center.

— M A L L T A L K —

If you knew the world would end tomorrow, what would you do today?

 "Go to Hawaii and hang out on the beach?" Tommy Hearn <i>Sophomore</i>	 "Probably drink... a lot!" Brian Kathman <i>Senior</i>	 "I would eat a bunch and spend time with my family." Kelly Ruggiero <i>Sophomore</i>	 "Go to Australia and pet a koala bear." Colleen Butz <i>Sophomore</i>	 "Go skydiving and spend time with my family." Jennife Blawie <i>Sophomore</i>	 "Tell all my loved ones that I love them." Drew Zaugg <i>Senior</i>
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America bears the burden of idealism

Today's political world is a very complicated place, and no one can really blame the average voter when he or she struggles at times to make sense of it.

There is one man, however, who has done us all a great service in helping to understand American politics: Walter Lippmann, a journalist who lived in the early 20th century. In a book entitled *The Phantom Public* he explains the American public's role in politics, and while written in 1927, it is invaluable for anyone looking to gain insight into today's political questions.

At one point in his book, Lippmann writes: "An ideal should express the true possibilities of its subjects. When it does not it perverts the true possibilities."

In this one statement, Lippmann has uncovered what is wrong with American politics: Liberals, and their brazen idealism.

Let us look at some examples of issues from the forthcoming presidential election to elucidate my claim: Universal healthcare is an ideal.

Some, seeming to tend more towards the liberal end of the political spectrum, see this ideal as some-

thing they desire to see happen in the immediate future. John Kerry promises to enact universal healthcare, and liberal voters, caught up in their idealism, neglect the fact that Kerry has no realistically feasible plan for making this a reality.

"Ideologically, universal healthcare is socialism, and the United States is, more than anything else, a democracy."

Other voters, tending more towards the conservative, understand that universal healthcare, a grand ideal, is just that: an *ideal*; one which does not express the true possibilities of our current situation. Ideologically, universal healthcare is socialism, and the United States is, more than anything else, a democracy. Yet that should not prevent us from caring for everyone universally, if it were

attainable — which it is not. And we need not try this experiment for ourselves: We need only look at Canada, and how the medical treatment there is so poor that many decide they are better off not going to see a doctor.

Or Germany, whose government is heading towards bankruptcy, due mostly to their universal healthcare program. The American public would not want this if they were informed, and knew of hospital conditions in Canada and much of Europe. Possibly the worst part of the situation is that Kerry is fueling the flames of this idealism, and, to use Lippmann's phrasing, is perverting the true possibilities of what can be done about the condition of healthcare in America.

While Bush wants to improve Medicare, provide prescription benefits for senior citizens, and make other positive changes, the idealists will not listen, settling for nothing less than universality. Their idealism is harming the nation.

Another example: abortion. Liberals, and others, hold dearly the ideal of women's rights, a misnomer, since women have no rights different from men.

Only human beings have rights,

such as life (remember that one?), liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, to name some famous examples. Liberals have decided that the ideal of one's sovereignty over her own body, itself a good thing, is of greater value than the very life of another human being. They have again perverted the ideal.

"This rampant idealism is what I consider to be the fatal flaw of modern American liberalism."

The debate regarding the Patriot Act is another perfect example of idealism gone mad. The ideal in question here is a right to privacy, which is important. Is it more important than protecting the lives of American citizens?

Absolutely not! Unless you're a liberal; then you would rather die than sacrifice an ounce of your privacy. Obviously, something is amiss here.

This rampant idealism is what I consider to be the fatal flaw of modern American liberalism.

While idealism can provide for innovation and hope, the U.S. liberals' brand of idealism runs unleashed, to the detriment of us all. There must be an amount of realism included to temper one's idealism.

That is why conservative policies work, and liberal ones do not: because conservative policies take into account the true possibilities presented by actual facts of the world we live in, and not just divinized ideals.

In the universal process of *Ideal - Reason - Action*, liberals skip that vital middle step.

Whether it be the ideal of access to healthcare, women's rights, or the right to privacy, liberals pick an ideal, clutch it tightly to their chests, and run, never looking back to the pesky facts of reality.

Perhaps Lippmann was pre-endorsing my view when he wrote: "The liberal philosophy has an air of vague unworldliness." Even in 1927, American liberals refused to live in the real world.

— Chris Brown
Class of '05

Iraq discourse

As a response to the letters to the *NewsWire* Sept. 29 "Eyes Wide Shut," "Boots on the wrong feet," "Respecting our soldiers' sacrifices," Peace and Justice Programs, a sponsor of Decision Iraq Week, would like to encourage further reflection and civil-loving discourse on Decision Iraq.

The violence of the Iraq invasion and occupation mounts each day. As a major actor, how will we help to bring an end to the violence and leave the Iraqis to govern themselves?

Iraq has also been invaded by foreign corporations. How can we allow the Iraqis to rebuild their own country?

The goal of Decision Iraq Week was to help us become more aware of the sacrifice of soldiers from the U.S. and other nations, the suffering of Iraqi civilians, and U.S. responsibility to win the peace.

The Catholic Catechism urges us to pray every day that we be free of the "ancient bondage of war."

Since law distinguishes terrorists from the innocent and determines degrees of guilt — something bombs cannot do — law is a more humane way to provide security. Three Iraq Week speakers not mentioned in the *NewsWire*, Dr. John Sniegocki, Jim Tarbell, and Dr. Ron Glossop, proposed alternative ways for everyone to achieve long-range security.

On Sept. 8, the Feast of the Birth of Mary, Pope John Paul II in an address to religious leaders of the world, said war is always a defeat for religion, a defeat for humanity, and a defeat for reason. We hope that together all of us can vision a world more in accord with God's word.

—Father Ben J. Urmston, S.J.
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Cross country gets leied

The Xavier men's and women's cross country teams ran to second and third place finishes respectively at the University of Hawaii Sprint Invitational.

The men's team finished second behind Brigham Young University-Hawaii, while the women's team finished third behind U. of Hawaii (Manoa) and Brigham Young University-Hawaii.

The men's team was led by the second place finish of freshman Tony Matheus (16:28).

Sophomore Kelly Sraj was the first finisher for the Xavier women. Sraj finished in eighth with a time of 16:02.

The Xavier teams made history by being the first mainland team to participate in the event.

Women's golf finishes third

The Xavier women's golf team finished third at the Sixth Annual Wachovia-Great Smokies Intercollegiate with a first round total of 299 (+11).

The second round of the annual event was cancelled due to rain leaving the host Western Carolina as the 2004 team champion, as the Catamounts fired a tournament record 291 in Monday's opening round.

The Great Smokies Intercollegiate concludes the fall season for the Musketeers.

XU will return to action on February 21, 2005 at the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians Women's Golf Championship hosted by Florida International University in Miami, Florida.

Soggy weather for men's tennis

The Xavier University men's team completed one round of singles play and three rounds of doubles action at the Dayton Invitational before the annual event was ended due to inclement weather conditions.

XU posted a 7-4 record in singles while recording a 7-5 mark on the doubles side.

The Musketeers were 6-3 in singles action on Friday and only completed two singles matches on Saturday due to Mother Nature.

On the doubles side, Xavier was victorious in five of the eight matches on Friday and two of four doubles matches played on Saturday.

XU will return to action on Thursday for the first day of the ITA Midwest Regional hosted by the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Volleyball still rolling with perfect weekend

BY CASEY WELDON
Contributing writer

Continuing their march towards meeting preseason expectations, the Xavier volleyball team utilized home court advantage and a well-rounded team attack for a perfect 2-0 weekend.

Xavier is currently 12-8 (6-1 in A-10) on the season. Midway through the conference season, Xavier finds itself a tiebreaker behind Dayton for first place.

The surging Musketeers, who were preseason favorites to walk away with the Atlantic 10 regular season title, have seen their hard work and dedication show up in the box score, as the Muskies are currently riding a six-game winning streak (all A-10 games).

During the streak, Xavier has won 18 games, while losing just three.

Saturday afternoon, the Muskies closed out their three-game stay at the Cintas Center (five of the last seven games) with a come-from-behind victory over Duquesne, 29-31, 30-18, 30-25, 30-21.

Not used to working from behind in previous weeks, XU utilized an all-around team effort in their comeback win.

Led by junior Kate Duchek's career-high 29 kills, five Musketeers collected at least 10 kills on the contest.

Utilizing a .491 hitting percent-

age, Duchek improved upon her previous career high by six kills. Taking full advantage of the powerful Xavier hitting was senior Molly Martin. Xavier's second all-time leader in assists aided XU with 65 assists.

After failing to come out on top of a back-and-forth heartbreaker in game one, the Musketeers utilized error-free play (nine total errors in games two through four) and a hitting percentage of .395 to thwart a valiant effort by Duke.

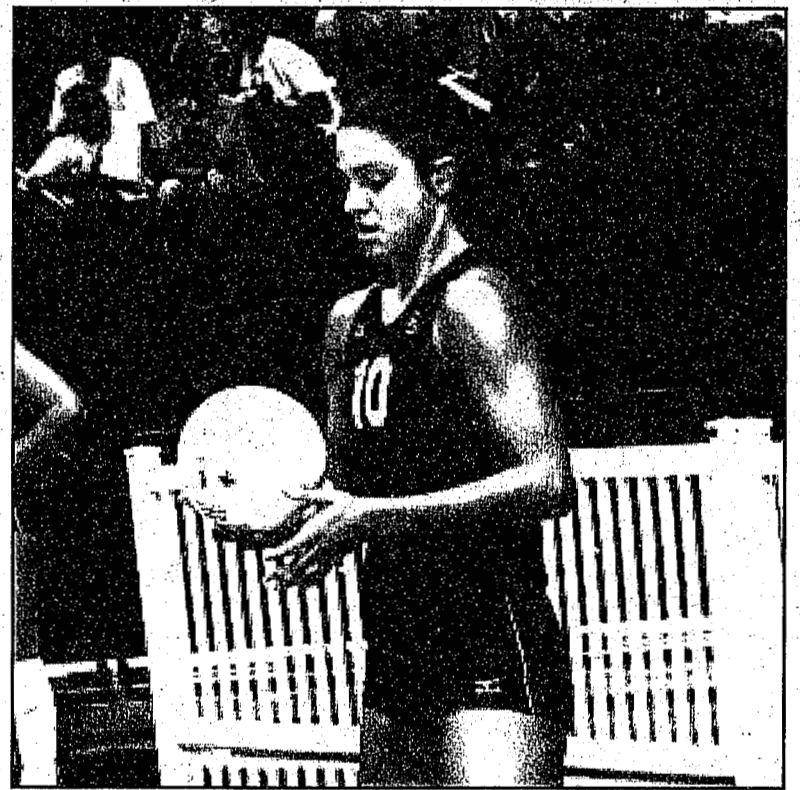
In front of a rakish band of Xtreme fans and the XU faithful on Friday night, the Xavier volleyball team returned home to the Cintas Center after a two game road trip to defeat a reeling George Washington team in three games, 30-22, 30-20, and 30-22.

Junior Carley Horvath led XU on the night with a career-high 16 kills. Horvath had quite a stat line, as she compiled four digs, two assists, and one ace on a .727 hitting percentage.

Fellow classmates Duchek and Jordan Brightwell were also key to the Musketeer attack. Duchek tallied 14 kills as well as seven digs and four block assists, while Brightwell tallied 20-plus digs for the first time this season (22).

Xavier's eight team blocks and 55 digs helped hold GW to a .121 hitting percentage for the match.

In game three, with the match



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY SHANE GLEASON

Senior Molly Martin and the Musketeers managed to stay on top of the conference with a 2-0 weekend effort. The Muskies are now 12-8 overall and lead the Atlantic 10 with a record of 6-1.

on the line, George Washington scored four straight points and trailed by just two (19-17). The Musketeers took full advantage of a well-placed timeout and proceeded to go on an 11-6 run to close out the contest.

In all three games, the Colonials battled tough, early and often. Hindered by errors (24) and an inability

to hold on to momentum, the Musketeers utilized time outs and high-energy play to control the pace and rhythm of the contest.

The Musketeers will be back in action Thursday as they travel to Dayton to battle for the top spot in the A-10.

The match is scheduled to get underway at 7 p.m.



Hoops kicks off season

MUSKETEER MADNESS - SATURDAY, 6 p.m.

Xavier athletics has invited all Musketeer fans to celebrate the continued success of the men's and women's basketball programs at this year's Musketeer Madness. New head coach Sean Miller and the men's team will take the Cintas floor for the first time since last year's Elite Eight run. Admission is free. Seating is on a first come-first serve basis. The schedule is as follows:

6 p.m. - Doors/concessions open
7 p.m. - Women's scrimmage vs. practice squad
8 p.m. - Men's blue/white scrimmage



Games to Watch



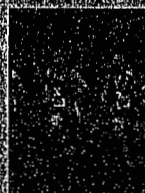
Women's Soccer



Men's Soccer



Volleyball



Cross Country/Track

10/22
vs. George Washington
(Xavier Soccer Complex)
7 p.m.

10/22
at George Washington
(Washington)
7 p.m.

10/21
at Dayton
(Dayton, Ohio)
7 p.m.

10/30
Atlantic 10 Championships
(Pittsburgh)
11 a.m.



XU Men's Tennis at ITA Midwest Regional 9 a.m. (East Lansing, Mich.) . . . Women's Tennis at IU Fall Invitational 9 a.m. (Bloomington, Ind.) . . . Swimming at Marshall with West Virginia 6 p.m. (Huntington, W.Va.)

Atlantic 10 Coaches 2004-05 winter preseason polls

MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING 2003-04 A-10 Finish in parenthesis

1. Massachusetts (1st)
2. St. Bonaventure (2nd)
3. George Washington (4th)
4. Xavier (5th)
5. La Salle (3rd)
6. Duquesne (7th)
- (tie) Fordham (6th)
8. Rhode Island (8th)

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

1. Richmond (1st)
2. St. Bonaventure (2nd)
3. George Washington (3rd)
4. Massachusetts (5th)
5. Duquesne (7th)
6. Fordham (6th)
7. Xavier (4th)
8. La Salle (8th)
9. Rhode Island (9th)

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

1. Rhode Island (1st)
2. Richmond (2nd)
3. Saint Joseph's (3rd)
4. Duquesne (4th)
5. Temple (7th)
6. La Salle (5th)
7. Dayton (6th)
8. Massachusetts (8th)
9. Fordham (9th)
10. Xavier (Did not compete)

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2004-05 Atlantic 10 Swimming & Diving Championships

Feb. 16-19
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2004-05 Atlantic 10 Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field Championships

Feb. 19
University of Rhode Island - Host

Note:

Atlantic 10 Coaches polls for men's and women's basketball will be announced on Nov. 4 and printed in the Nov. 10 edition of the Newswire.

Something's Fischy

'Not my idea of a
fantasy'



BY RACHEL FISCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

I am sure every girl has been in this position, you're sitting around with a bunch of guys as they intensely watch a football game, not paying one bit of attention to you. The only words they utter are at the TV and maybe one directed to you to move because your are blocking the screen.

It is bad enough that we have to sit there and watch "the game," when to us it is just like any other game, but now men are becoming glued to their computers as well.

It used to just be *Monday Night Football* or Saturday afternoons suffering through the games; or playing Madden NFL 2005 on their Sony PlayStation2 (that you can't stand to watch either), but now it's fantasy football.

The extreme lengths men put into a game is ridiculous. Guys will use any means possible to watch the game and if they can't watch the game, they will listen to it on the radio, and if the station doesn't come in, than they will go to the Internet to listen.

Everyday the male population can check the injury updates, look at previews, charts, rankings, and all the other resources for this fantasy game as many times as they want. A recent study by Challenger, Gray & Christmas said that America's addiction to fantasy sports could cost the nation's businesses \$36.7 million daily.

They assume that some 14 million people play fantasy football and that each of those players spends 10 minutes of every workday managing his (or her) team.

Multiply 14 million by \$2.62, the average amount an American worker gets paid in 10 minutes, and you reach the total- a whopping \$36.7 million. Some of the fantasy-obsessed think Challenger's time

estimate, if anything, may be a little low.

So what is fantasy football? Basically, it's game in which the players earn fantasy points for the real life performances of the NFL players on their fantasy team.

A fantasy team consists of players you draft from all across the league to fill out a "fantasy" roster. Points can be earned when one of your players score touchdowns, field goals, and extra points.

The object of the game is to out score your fantasy opponents on a weekly basis, so that at the end of the season you have the most fantasy points.

Why is it just so important? I just don't know, I mean it is all just a fantasy. Isn't it enough to just watch the real life game. Do you need to make up a game to go along with it too?

Guys literally sit on the couch all day long watching "their" players and seeing how they perform. They act as if they really are the coach or a teammate. Guys just live in this fantasy world, living vicariously through their players and getting to feel that much more interacted with the game.

Men yell at us to stop watching reality TV shows like *Newlyweds* because it is all supposedly fake and we are just trying to live our lives through them but what are they doing? Exactly the same thing.

It's common knowledge amongst girls that the outcome of a game can determine a male's mood, but now we have to know how each of "their" fantasy players did too? That is just way too much effort.

With all the different teams and players how can guys even keep it all straight. They can't remember what they wore yesterday but they can remember what the score of last week's game was?

Whoever said guys were simple was wrong.

Recalling statistics and scores of numerous games and wrapping it all up into this huge "fantasy game," seems very involved. Fantasy football is just not my idea of a fantasy.

Soccer swept by UMass

BY DAVE GILMORE
From XU S.I.D. reports

WOMEN UMASS 2, XU 0

The visiting University of Massachusetts Minutewomen defeated the Xavier University Musketeers 2-0 on Sunday afternoon at the Xavier University Soccer Complex.

UMass raised its record to 3-4 in the Atlantic 10 Conference and 5-8 overall, while Xavier fell to 3-3-1 in the Atlantic 10 and 4-10-1 overall.

The two teams battled to a scoreless tie for over 70 minutes of action before UMass finally broke the deadlock. Prior to the two late UMass goals, Xavier had not allowed a goal since the Oct. 8 match

at Temple. That stretch by the XU defense covered 272 minutes of action.

XU's four-match homestand continues on Friday when the Musketeers host A-10 rival George Washington in a 7p.m. match.

MEN UMASS 4, XU 3

The Xavier University men's soccer team suffered a heartbreaking 4-3 loss to Massachusetts on Sunday afternoon in Amherst, Mass. With the loss, XU slips to 4-9-1 on the year, 2-3-1 in Atlantic 10 play. UMass improves to 6-6-2, 3-1-2.

After falling behind 2-0 early, XU battled back to take a 3-2 lead and held that edge until the clos-

ing seconds of regulation.

XU forward Toni Skudrizik got the Musketeers on the board with an unassisted tally at 19:47. Skudrizik blasted a shot from 10-yards out that wrapped around the far post. XU built off that momentum with another goal early in the second period. Reigning A-10 Freshman of the Week Jimmy Cummings forced a UMass turnover in its defensive third and fed the ball to Skudrizik.

XU took the lead at 63:13 when Cummings controlled a pass from Skudrizik and fired it into the back of the net, but the Musketeers could not hold on to their 3-2 edge.

XU is back in action on Friday. The Musketeers continue their nomadic stretch at George Washington for a 7 p.m. start.

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Art exhibitions at Aronoff Center

The Cincinnati Arts Association's Weston Gallery in the Aronoff Center for the Arts presents "Sticks and Stones" and "Forged Souls, Weathered Soles."

"Sticks and Stones" is a site-specific installation by Gary Gaffney created from painted and manipulated tree limbs and found objects. It also involves the placement of inscribed rocks with thoughtful messages situated prominently in exterior public settings. "Forged Souls, Weathered Soles" is a mixed media installation focusing on the dilemma of the African Diaspora.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

More information can be found at www.cincinnatiarts.org/weston.

"Scared in the Stacks"

From 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Wed., the library will host a horror film discussion featuring several movies from its video and DVD collections.

Among the films to be discussed are "Alien," "Angel Heart," "The Cabinet of Dr. Calagari," "Frankenstein," "Haxen," "Rosemary's Baby," "Silence of the Lambs," "Vampyr" and "Wickerman."

Following the discussion, Halloween snacks will be served while showing "Night of the Living Dead" in its frightening entirety.

'All My Sons' at Shakespeare Festival

Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival presents "All My Sons," Arthur Miller's classic play about the troubles of veteran Joe Keller and his family in the wake of World War II.

"All My Sons" begins Thursday and continues through Nov. 14. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

For ticket information, visit www.cincyshakes.com or call 381-BARD.

Cincinnati Art Museum

The Cincinnati Art Museum continues to offer free admission to the general public. The museum is open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. on Wednesday. It is also open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. More information can be found at www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org.

Warning Track concert in GSC

XU student classic rock band Warning Track will perform at 10 p.m. Friday in the Gallagher Student Center Food Court.

The concert, a part of Family Weekend, is sponsored by the Gallagher Student Center.

'Around the Bend' or over the hill?

MICHAEL CAINE AND CHRISTOPHER WALKEN BRING IT WEAK IN THIS UNDERWELMING FAMILY DRAMA

BY JAY ARNS

Contributing Writer

This movie is a particularly troubling brand of horrible, the type that shakes one's faith in certain actors.

It's true that one bad movie does not constitute a decline in career or skills, but the possibility remains that this could be the beginning of the end.

This movie also promises to be a touching story of forgiveness and revelation. However, the viewer finds that, in the world of "Around the Bend," promises are easily (and quickly) broken.

Meet the Lairs. Jason (Josh Lucas, "Sweet Home Alabama") is a single father who works at a bank. His son is Zach (Jonah Bobo, "The Best Thief in the World"). Henry (Michael Caine, "Secondhand Lions") is Jason's grandfather and a retired archaeologist. Finally, we have Turner (Christopher Walken, "The Stepford Wives"), Jason's father.

On the surface all of this seems normal. However, the Lairs' story is anything but. Jason was raised by Henry, since Turner was a heroin-addicted criminal who spent more time in prison than out.

However, on the eve of Henry's death, Turner, making a laughable and at the same time nauseating pun on his name, returns to the family. Shortly after Henry's death (which kills off half of the respectable actors in this film), it is discovered that he intended to make things right among the remaining members of his family. He leaves behind an elaborate map full of places where he would like some of his ashes to be scattered. The three surviving Lair men set out, and that's where everything gets boring.

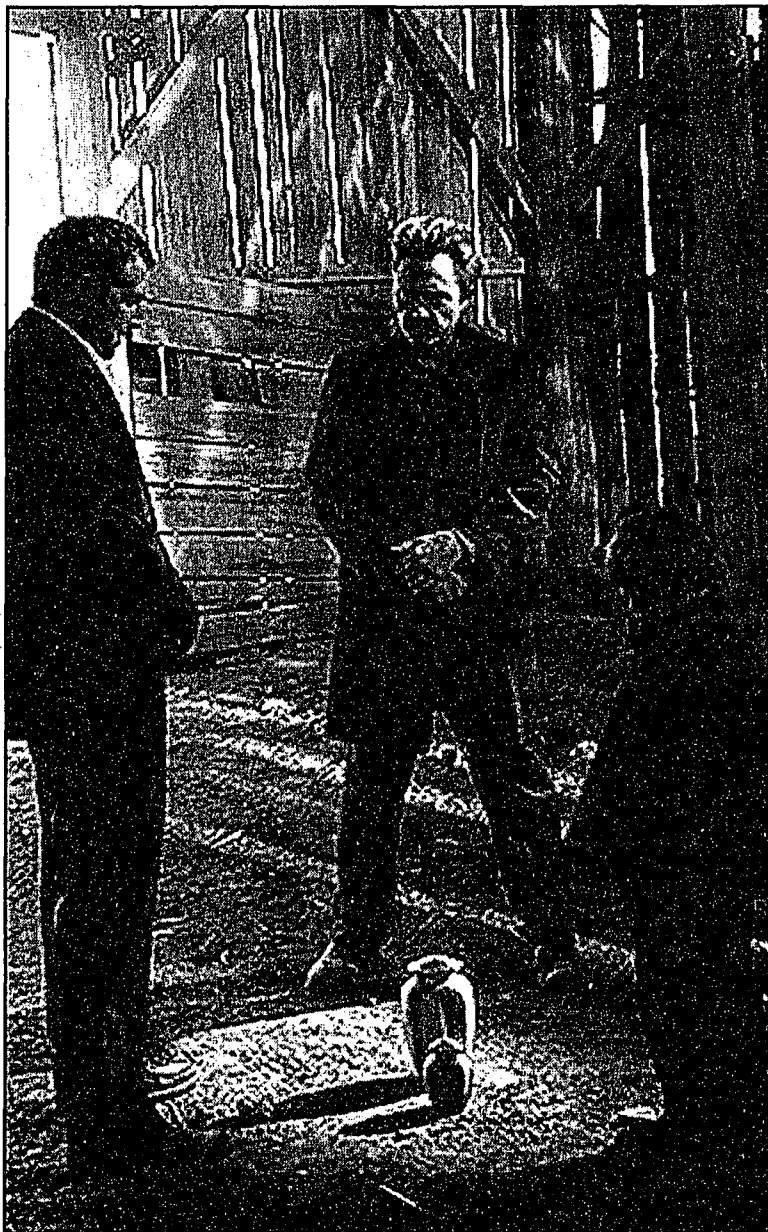


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He... he was... he was a... small man, able to fit in two little urns that can be stored below the seat in front of you.

This movie has two main problems. First, the lead actor is not good. I'll be honest, I liked Josh Lucas in "A Beautiful Mind." He plays the role of arrogant prick masterfully. However, for those unfortunate enough to have seen "Sweet

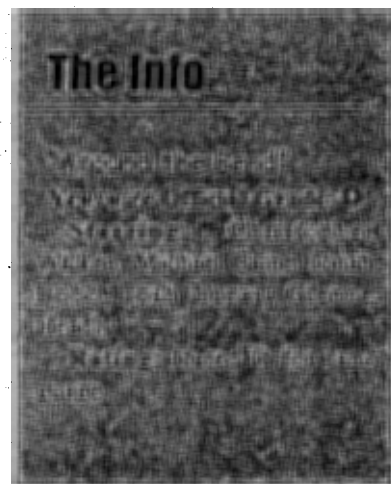
Home Alabama," it is abundantly clear that he cannot play regular, emotional people.

His performance is flat to say the least. I found myself not only completely uninterested in his character, but I actually wanted bad

things to happen to him. Since he is the main character, and so much of the action depends on him, the movie suffers.

Second, the abilities of writer/director Jordan Roberts are not effective. His story is old hat, his dialogue is stilted and bizarre, and his characters are uninspiring. What results is a mass of boring story lines and unrealistic characters.

Walken and Caine provide decent performances. Unfortunately, the hackneyed themes and substandard writing do not give them much of a chance to succeed. As I said before, I don't think this indicates that their careers or abilities are declining, but there's just no way of being sure.



I'm a huge Walken fan and I've always respected Caine, so I really wanted this to work out. Walken in particular strives valiantly, but he just can't come up with a winner in the suffocating confines of this cinematic catastrophe.

Well, there you go. It's clear. I hated this movie. It has made me question whether or not Chris Walken can still bring the funk, and for that I will never forgive it.

Warning: band on campus

BY SHANE GLEASON

Contributing Writer

Last Sunday, the Greenspace was transformed from its normal serene calm into a concert venue.

Students gravitated toward a free barbeque or lounged in chairs while listening to Warning Track, an established Xavier born rock band that has taken the stage at the likes of Mad Frog and Soupies.

Warning Track's members are: John Lavelle (guitar/vocals), Paul Van Wagner (guitar), Michael Rodriguez (bass/vocals), Brian Clear (drums), and Scott Oosting (cello).

Unlike the standard run of the mill college rock band Warning Track is new and unique, with a distinct sound.

Lead singer Lavelle explained, "We like to think that we have an interesting sound that really sets us apart and the cello helps accomplish that."

Fans can get free music from the band by sending an e-mail to warningtrackband@yahoo.com and requesting their six song demo CD.

For information on an upcoming Warning Track concert on campus, check the briefs section.

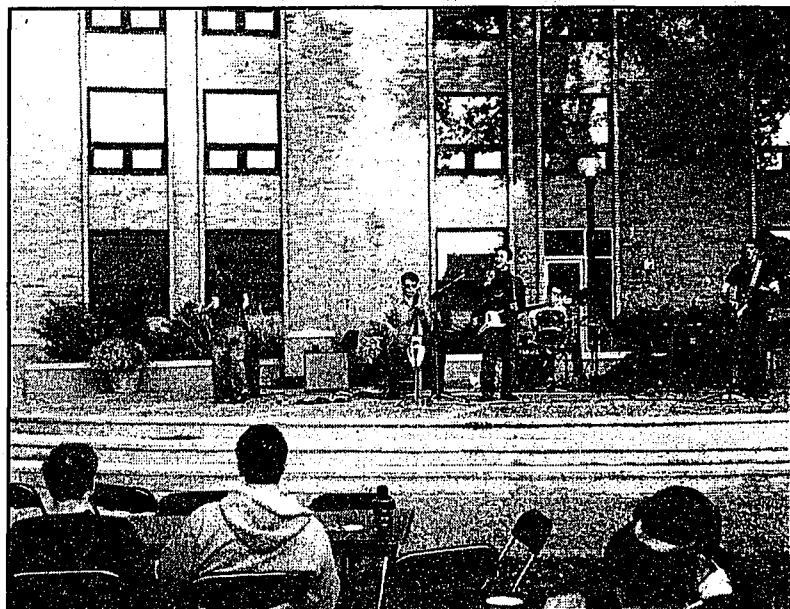
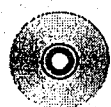


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Don't worry, seat warmers, Warning Track will be back Friday.



New Releases



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Thursday, Oct. 19
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Saturday, Oct. 23
Green Day
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Friday, Oct. 22
Guided By Voices
@ Southgate House

Monday, Oct. 25
Mclusky
@ Southgate House

'Chicago' has 'razzle-dazzle'

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE TOWN TO ENJOY 'CHICAGO'

BY JON KOOPMAN
Contributing Writer

Anytime you go to a Broadway musical and the opening act begins with sex and murder, you can pretty well assume that you are in for a treat.

This definitely proved to be the case in the national tour production of "Chicago" at the Aronoff Center. The "Razzle Dazzle" of the acting, singing, music and lights made "Chicago" an exciting theater experience that surely pleased almost every audience member.

The story takes place in 1920s Chicago where lonely housewife, Roxie Hart, has just murdered her lover Fred Casely.

Although her husband, Amos, originally tries to take the rap, Roxie quickly finds herself among the likes of other murdering women awaiting trial in the Cook County Jail.

There Roxie meets Mama Morton, the jailhouse matron, and Velma Kelly, the most famous of the women currently in the prison.

Roxie's husband manages to score Billy Flynn, the slickest trial lawyer in Chicago, to represent Roxie in her case. Flynn, who is also Velma's lawyer, promises to get Roxie off. With the help of Mama Morton pulling some strings and Billy Flynn's charm, Velma and Roxie hope to turn their notoriety into showbiz fame.

However, they first have to gain freedom. The road to the trial is certainly a dramatic rollercoaster with a few twists and turns along the way that keep the audience on their toes.

With an amazing cast that has talent to spare, many of whom are di-



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Hey you on the left, I don't see your jazz hands!

rectly from Broadway, it is no wonder that the production of "Chicago" was such a success.

Bianca Marroquin does an excellent job of capturing the playful yet naïve girl-next-door personality in Roxie Hart.

Brenda Braxton's portrayal of Velma is not only tough and sexy, but also hilariously blunt at times.

Playing an extremely cool, smooth, and charming Billy Flynn was the stunning Gregory Harrison.

With amazing stage presence and an amazing voice, Carol Woods nailed the part of the sassy and soulful Mama Morton.

Finally, playing the meek and sadly Amos was Ray Bokhour who was far from transparent in this production of "Chicago."

On the heels of the 2002 film version starring Renee Zellweger and Richard Gere, the national tour production of "Chicago" was even more entertaining to experience in person with such songs as "All That Jazz," "Cell Block Tango" and "Razzle Dazzle."

Billed as a story of "murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery, and treachery", this musical certainly lives up to its expectations as nothing short of fantastic.

'A Picasso:' a picasso

PAINTING A PLAY REVIEW

BY LINDSAY KOTTMANN
Contributing Writer

Set in the turbulent Nazi Europe of 1941, Pablo Picasso's personal story delves into the lives of two people profoundly affected by art who find themselves dangerously at odds with one another. In an intense encounter, they help one another discover hope and regain inspiration.

"A Picasso," a one act play written by Jeffery Hatcher and directed by Michael Evan Haney, examines the intense relationship between art and politics when freedom of expression is restricted and artists are made criminals.

Brick arches, suspended above the set, give it the effect of being underground. The gray floor of the room is covered with various works of art wrapped in newspaper, obviously in storage. A heavy iron door with a lock is the only point of access to the room, and a simple wooden table with two chairs provides the only furnishing.

The entire play takes place in this colorless vault below the streets of Paris. Although notably creative, the set design preserves simplicity and allows the characters to be the focal point of the action.

It subtly conveys a feeling of being trapped and suppressed, as one can almost smell the dust on the art that is tightly bound and hidden away. As the first character emerges to begin the play, his discomfort at surroundings is obvious.

This character is none other than Picasso himself, played with energy and swagger by seasoned actor Allen Fitzpatrick. This Picasso is not necessarily a biographically accurate character, but one that Costume Designer Gordon DeVinney

calls a "facsimile, depicting only traits and characteristics we associate with him as a historical figure."

This keeps the focus more on the theme of art and politics in the world rather than his life as a painter. Picasso is passionate and often inappropriate, as the volume of his voice often booms in anger, or arrogant profanity, as his every word is spat out in deliberation when he leans into the face of his interrogator.

His interrogator is Miss Fischer, played by Priscilla Shanks. Miss Fischer is a professional art critic whose job is to verify whether certain paintings are, in fact, Picassos.

She has a no-nonsense demeanor compatible with her neat gray suit and pulled back, blonde hair, and she makes it clear that she will not be manipulated so easily.

It is her initially icy attitude that makes her development as a character endearing to the audience when it begins to melt, if only slightly, by the end of the play. She works for the German government, which makes the interactions between her and Picasso volatile and subject to often humorous bias.

"A Picasso" runs through Monday in the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, a proud recipient of the 2004 Tony Award for Theatre.

The play is performed in The Shelterhouse Theatre within the Playhouse, which is much smaller than the Robert S. Marx Theatre and allows for a more intimate performance.

The Playhouse itself is unique and aesthetically pleasing. It provides displays of background information regarding Picasso during the War.



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WEDNESDAY

October 20

I am not so naive as to think that I induce gut-wrenching, eye-ball-bleeding laughter in my readers. However, I would like to think that my sarcastic, tongue-in-cheek method of relating to you the week's events at least produces a chuckle, if not the occasional guffaw. And that, my friends, is a lot of pressure.

How can I be clever when my world is falling apart? First, my beloved St. Louis Cardinals are about to break my heart. If only I were from Cincinnati or Cleveland, where the sports teams never even get close to the playoffs.

On top of that, I'm a senior, and as Nora McInerney so eloquently pointed out last week, apparently the world is getting along just fine without another college-educated, slightly lazy young man in the workplace. Unfortunately, whereas one can get scholarships for college, there do not seem to be any "life scholarships." If any rich folks are reading this and want to change that, let me know.

They always cheer me up. The second thing I do is go to lectures debating the difference between neoconservatives and those who subscribe to Otto von Bismark's theory of *realpolitik*. Fortunately, there is just such a lecture tonight at 7 p.m. in the Schiff Family Conference Center.

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Calendar City**THURSDAY**

October 21

Given my sorry state of affairs, perhaps I should finally attend a PEP Talk today at 10:30 a.m. in the CCLD office. Surely they have enough PEP to go around. The more PEP, the better, that's what I always say.

The Xavier Players are also full of vim and vigor (or at least vim), so maybe I should catch some of that spirit tonight and go see their production of "The Music Man." The weekend run begins tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Gallagher Center Theater.

Today is the birthday of Dizzy Gillespie, the best jazz-trumpet player since the ancient Greeks. "Trumpet" rhymes with "strumpet," and it's Carrie Fisher's birthday as well. That metal bikini from *RotJ*? Hot, but definitely amoral.

FRIDAY

October 22

"We are family. All my brothers and my sisters and me..." That's right, it is time for Family Weekend

at Xavier University. There will be tons of great events, like... getting your parents to pay for a meal at Montgomery Inn and to buy you some groceries. It is also a fun opportunity for freshmen to show off their dorm rooms to their parents.

Note to students: parents are not dumb, so they are not going to believe all the beer in your mini-fridge is "your roommate's." Offer one to your mother to break the ice. Also, don't hit on your roommate's mother/father. It seems like a great idea, but you'll just get hurt in the end.

If you have ever dreamt of inventing something and retiring to a small island off the coast of Japan to raise a family of ninjas, go to the lecture today at 1:30 p.m. in Lindner 103. Xavier alumnus John J. Curro, Ph.D will share his thoughts on industrial innovation. In his career at The Procter & Gamble Co. he helped invent better Pampers and the Swiffer. For messy college kids with bowel problems, you owe this man some respect.

After you write a letter of gratitude to your friends at the LAC for their hard work, head over to the Faces of the World Lounge for

Kenya Coffee Hour at 3:30 p.m. No word yet on whether sabre-tooth cats will attend.

SATURDAY

October 23

It's only a week until Halloween, do you all have your costumes picked out? Well I hope not, because Halloween is the Devil's playground, and at a Catholic school like this, you should be ashamed to even think about "celebrating" Halloween. What's next? Condom Day?

Today is also Pele's birthday. I don't remember what sport he played, but just remember, in South America if you hear "Pele" just translate it as "Michael Jordan."

I will allow you to celebrate one holiday: TV Talk Show Host day. But really, there are only two worth mentioning: Jon Stewart and Geraldo. I dare you to disagree.

SUNDAY

October 24

I have to give a "shout out" to a fellow St. Louisan here, my buddy

Kevin Kline who turns 57 today. OK, he's not that big of an actor, but he's from the Midwest, so cut him some slack.

MONDAY

October 25

I feel confident giving Calendar City's first ever weather forecast: overcast, chance of showers, cold, and windy.

Filmmaker Stephanie Black will be showing the film "Life and Debt" tonight at 6 p.m. in the Gallagher Center Theater. The title seems to indicate that it is the story of a middle-class kid trying to go to college, but I could be wrong.

Tonight is the first time the Cincinnati Bengals will be on ABC's *Monday Night Football* since the players wore leather helmets. Now the rest of the country will watch the Bengals lose. So exciting; it's an excuse to drink on a Monday (plus no classes tomorrow).

TUESDAY

October 26

Today is Honors Day, where the best students are all recognized by giving them a day with no classes. Of course, there are plenty of other activities, if you just can't get by without some academic fun.

Well if you have learned nothing else this week, it's that Ryan should be pitied.

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